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SUBJECT: KADAR REGIME SHUFFLES ECONOMIC SPECIALISTS

REF: BUDAPEST 2460 AND 2462

1. SUMMARY. HIGH-LEVEL CHANGES IN KADAR REGIME EXPECTED BY MANY OBSERVERS HERE IN WAKE LAST WEEK'S CC MEETING DID NOT TAKE PLACE. INSTEAD REGIME CARRIED OUT ELABORATE SHUFFLE OF ECONOMIC SPECIALISTS IN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT, APPARENTLY TO ACHIEVE MORE EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC GUIDANCE BY CENTRAL ORGANS. MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE SEES GYORGY LAZAR MOVING FROM LABOR MINISTRY TO HEAD PLANNING OFFICE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE AND ALSO BECOMING DEPUTY PREMIER. CHANGES ANNOUNED BUDAPEST PRESS JUNE 29. END SUMMARY.

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2. EXPECTED TOP-LEVEL CHANGES IN HUNGARIAN PARTY AND GOVT

HAVE NOT TAKEN PLACE. INSTEAD, CONSIDERABLE REORGANIZATION AND RESHUFFLING OF PERSONNEL HAS MOVED A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC SPECIALISTS TO NEW POSITIONS IN PARTY OR GOVT. CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

3. GOVERNMENT--

DEPUTY PREMIER, HEAD OF NATIONAL PLANNING OFFICE,
CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE--GYORGY LAZAR (VICE
IMRE PARDI)

DEPUTY CHIEF OF NATIONAL PLANNING OFFICE--ISTVAN HUSZAR

MINISTER OF LABOR--LASZLO KARAKAS (VICE LAZAR)

CHIEF OF CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE --JOZSEF BALINT

(VICE HUSZAR)

MEMBERSHIP OF NEW NATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE-LAZAR,
CHAIRMAN; MEMBERS: DEPUTY PREMIERS AJTAI, FEHER, TIMAR, AND
VALYI; FINANCE MINISTER FALUVEGI, FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER
BIRO, LABOR MINISTER KARAKAS, AND ISTVAN HUSZAR.

4. PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE--

REVAMPED LINEUP OF CC ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE:

CHAIRMAN REZSO NYERS, AS BEFORE; MEMBERS: DEPUTY PREMIERS
FEHER, TIMAR, LAZAR, IMRE PARDI, PAL ROMANY, RICHARD NAGY,
TIVADAR NEMESLAKI. AJTAI, FEHER, NEMESLAKI, PARDI, AND
TIMAR ARE HOLDOVERS. JOZSEF BALINT, MAYOR OF BUDAPEST ZOLTAN
SZEPEVOLGYI, AND DEPUTY PREMIER VALYI HAVE BEEN DROPPED.

RICHARD NAGY IS A SECRETARY AND ECONOMIC BOSS IN
BUDAPEST PARTY COMMITTEE. NEMESLAKI IS A SECRETARY
IN NATIONAL TRADE UNION COUNCIL.

CHIEF OF ECONOMIC POLICY SECTION IN CC APPARATUS--
IMRE PARDI (VICE JOZSEF BALINT)

CHIEF OF NEW LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECTION--PAL
ROMANY.

5. PARTY REGIONAL--

FIRST SECRETARY OF BACS-KISKUN COUNTY PARTY COMMITTEE--
ISTVAN HORVATH (VICE PAL ROMANY)

FIRST SECRETARY OF HAJDU-BIHAR COUNTY PARTY COMMITTEE--
GYORGY SIKULA (VICE LASZLO KARAKAS).

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6. NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION (KISZ)--

FIRST SECRETARY OF KISZ CENTRAL COMMITTEE--LASZLO
MAROTHY (VICE ISTVAN HORVATH).

7. COMMENT: FIRST CHANGES IN KADAR REGIME SINCE APRIL 1971,
SUGGEST DESIRE TO BRING MORE ECONOMIC EXPERTISE
TO BEAR ON PARTY WORK AND TO EXERT MORE CONTROL OVER
PLANNING. HUNGARIANS INSIST OVERALL PURPOSE IS TO IMPROVE,

NOT WEAKEN ECONOMIC REFORM. WE PREFER TO RESERVE JUDGMENT
ON THIS POINT UNTIL WE SEE HOW CHANGES WORK OUT IN
PRACTICE AND ALSO WHAT CHANGES IN REFORM ANNOUNCED BY
FALUVEGI IN PARLIAMENT WILL BE.

8. FROM PERSONAL STANDPOINT GAINERS TO BE LAZAR,
ISTVAN HORVATH, AND MAROTHY WHO WAS SECRETARY OF SZENT-
ENDRE CITY PARTY COMMITTEE. ONE LOSER SEEMS TO BE
PARTY WHO RETURNS TO WHERE HAD WORKED BEFORE HE BECAME
HEAD OF PLANNING OFFICE.
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